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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

From 101200B Apr 45
To 111200B Apr 45
Hq. 12th Army Group
APO 655
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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.
3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (101200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 9th Colonial Division. (With the 9th Zouaves and CC "2", 1st French Armd Div atchd). Combat Command "2" attacked south, with the 23d Colonial Infantry on its right, gained up to four miles and captured PFAFFENROT R5329 and SCHIELBERG R5227. The 23d Infantry captured SCHOLLEBRONN R5033. On the division right flank strong resistance was met in the pillbox area in the vicinity of MORSCH R4040. Front line change: SCHOLLEBRONN R5033 - R5332 - PFAFFENROT R5329 - SCHIELBERG R5227.

I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" attacked southwest to assist the 9th Colonial Division, gained up to three miles on a three-mile front and captured ARNBACH R6029, SCHWANN R5927, CONWEILER R5827 and LANGENALB R5627. Combat Command "6" regrouped in the vicinity of MUHLHAUSEN R8438 and Combat Command "5" in the vicinity of R8948. Front line change: LANGENALB R5627 - CONWEILER R5827 - SCHWANN R5927 - ARNBACH R6029. 2d Moroccan Division. The 5th Moroccan Tirailleurs attacked south on a four-mile front. Gained up to three miles and captured AURICH R8835 and PINACHE R8134. Front line change: PINACHE R8134 - AURICH R8835. 3d Algerian Division. (With the 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Attacked east, gained up to three miles and reached the ENZ River on a two-mile front between SO342 and SO345. The 1st Moroccan Tabors captured ENZWEIHINGEN R9136. Front line change: ENZWEIHINGEN R9136 and SO342 - SO344 - SO345.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th, 44th and 103rd Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Continued house-to-house fighting in HEILBRONN SO861. 63d Division. The 353rd Infantry reached the southern edge of the HARDTHAUSER WALD in the vicinity of S2076. The 255th Infantry advanced south one mile and reached the KOCHER River in the vicinity of S3178. The 254th Infantry attacked south on a six-mile front and gained up to one and one-half miles. Front line change: S2076 and S3178 and S4080 - S4582. 10th Armored Division. (With the 324th Inf atchd). Combat Command "A" attacked northwest and gained up to five miles on a four-mile front. Combat Command "R" continued to hold CRAILSHEIM S7062 and KIRCHBERG S6369. The 324th Infantry moved east to the vicinity of S6587. Front line change: S5175 - S5370 and S6587.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. The 22d and 12th Infantry Regiments attacked south on an eleven mile front and gained up to seven and one-half miles. Front line change: S4898 - S5298 - N5600 - N6000. 42d Division. (With CCA, 12th Armd Div atchd). The Division less the 222d Infantry, attacked north on a four mile front, gained up to six and one-half-miles and entered KUTZBERG N7067. The 222d Infantry seized a small bridgehead over the MAIN River in the vicinity of N7542. Combat Command "A" withdrew from the attack on SCHWEINFURT N7863 and moved south to the 222d Infantry bridgehead. Front line change: N7542 and N7456 - KUTZBERG N7067 - N6859.

XV Corps. 3d Division. (With CCB, 14th Armd Div atchd). Attacked south on a six mile front and gained up to two and one-half-miles. Combat Command "B" captured MADENHAUSEN N8373. Front line change: N7570 - N8472 - MADENHAUSEN N8373 - N8377. 45th Division. Attacked southeast on a six mile front and gained up to four-miles. Front line change: N9080 - N9479 - N9686. 106th Cavalry Group. Covered the left flank of the 45th Division. Patrols reached the vicinity of 00881.

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21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. 6th Airborne Division. (With the 15th Rcn Regt atchd). The 15th Reconnaissance Regiment with the 3rd Parachute Brigade following up, advanced east on a ten-mile front and gained up to fourteen miles. Captured FUHRBERG X4343 and was in contact with the enemy in the vicinity of X5146. The 15th Reconnaissance Regiment then reverted to the command of the 15th Division. Front line change: X3630 - X3533 - FUHRBERG X4343 - X5146 - X3745. 11th Armored Division. (With the 1st Commando Bde atchd). The 159th Brigade advanced east against little or no opposition and gained up to five miles on an eight-mile front. Front line change: ELZE X3545 - X2753. 15th Division. (With the 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Concentrated in the vicinity of X0024. The 15th Reconnaissance Regiment reverted to the command of the division.

XII Corps. 53d Division. Attacked north and south against little opposition and gained up to six-miles to the north and up to nine miles to the south. Captured ANDERTEN X0761, STOCKEN X0964, HULSEN X0869, STEDORF X0174 and BARNSTEDT X0476. The 160th Brigade secured a small bridgehead over the ALLER River in the vicinity of X0673 without opposition. Front line change: NIENBURG X0050 - ANDERTEN X0761 - STOCKEN X0964 - X1067 - X0867 - HULSEN X0869 - X0673 - BARNSTEDT X0176 - STEDORF X0174 - W9972. 7th Armored Division. (With the 9th and 155th Bdes atchd). The 131st Brigade held the line W6583 - W5779 - W5080 - WILDESHAUSEN W4778. Front line change: W6583 - W5779 - W5080 - W4880 - WILDESHAUSEN W4778. 3rd Division. (Less the 9th Bde). The 8th Brigade moved to the vicinity of SCHMALFORDEN W6461. 52d Division. (With the 4th Armd Bde atchd). Attacked northeast on a ten mile front and gained up to eleven-miles against light opposition. Captured ALFAUSEN W1433, BERSENBRUCK W1440, WESTERHOLTE W0933 and BRAMSCHE W1623. The 156th Brigade contacted reconnaissance units from the 51st Division in the vicinity of W0332. Front line change: BRAMSCHE W1623 - ALFAUSEN W1433 - BERSENBRUCK W1440 - W1344 - WESTERHOLTE W0933 - W0432.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. The 154th Brigade attacked northeast and gained up to four miles on a five-mile front. Reached ANKUM W0938 and cleared the enemy from the road between ANKUM and the vicinity of W0432. Guards Armored Division. The 5th Guards Armored Brigade attacked east against light opposition and gained up to four miles on a five-mile front. The 32d Guards Brigade attacked north on a one mile front and gained up to two and one-half-miles. Front line change: W0839 - W0944 - W0845 and W0455 - W0456 - W0357. 43d Division. (With the 8th Armd Bde atchd). The 130th and 129th Brigades attacked northeast on a four-mile front and gained up to four-miles. Captured HERZLAKE V9154. Front line change: HERZLAKE V9154 - V9260 - V9158.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. The 4th Canadian Armored Brigade attacked east, gained up to six-miles and reached WERLIE V9672, LAHN V9169 was captured. The 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade advanced east, gained up to three and one-half miles and reached the vicinity of V8083 without opposition. An enemy counterattack was repelled in the vicinity of SOGEL V8571. Front line change: V8770 - LAHN V9169 - WERLIE V9672 - V8678 - V8083. Polish Armored Division. The Division Reconnaissance Units relieved the S.A.S. which dropped in the vicinity of WESTERBORK V2473 and withdrew back to original positions. 2d Canadian Division. (With the 1st Cdn Rcn Regt atchd). The 5th Canadian Infantry attacked north and gained up to five miles. Front line change: V1035 - V1029. 3d Canadian Division. Captured DEVENTER Z9207. Division Reconnaissance Units advanced north on a six mile front and gained up to three-miles without encountering opposition. Front line change: Z9815 - Z9714 - Z9012 - DEVENTER Z9207.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

AIR. (10 April). Eighth Air Force: 1,232 Heavy bombers attacked airfields at ORANIENBURG Z7175, NEURUPPIN Z4192, BRANDENBURG Z2734 and various other targets. Dropped 2,814.8 tons of general purpose and 587.6 tons of incendiary bombs on all assigned targets. 21 Bombers were lost. 801 Fighter aircraft sortied to support the bomber operations. 6 Fighters were lost. Claims included 37 enemy aircraft.

destroyed in the air and 69 on the ground. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: 371 medium bombers attacked the marshalling yards at TRIPTIS J9145 and RUDOLSTADT J5441 and various railroad bridges. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,668 fighter and fighter bomber sorties to support the bomber operations, on fighter and fighter bomber sweeps, and on armed reconnaissance. 5 Fighters were lost. Claims included 17 enemy aircraft destroyed in the air and 40 on the ground, 696 motor transports, 1,030 railroad cars and 42 locomotives.

4. WEATHER. (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Small amounts. Visibility: 1 - 2 miles at dawn except in ground fog where limited to 1,000 yards. Becoming 3 - 4 miles by 1100B and 4 - 6 miles by 1400B. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 68° F. Minimum 44° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP... THIRD ARMY. Resistance was light to moderate on the army front. Terrain was difficult on the XVIII Airborne Corps and III Corps front. (Army Troops). 70th Division. No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. (With the 2d Cav Gp attached). Gained up to six miles south on a six-mile front. Front line change: 00893 - 00894 - 00999 - J1201. 11th Armored Division. Advanced sixteen miles southeast on a six-mile front. Front line change: 01697 - 02693 - 02993 - MONCHRODEN O3694. 26th Division. Gained up to xix miles east on a seven-mile front and captured WIEDERSBACH J1713. Front line change: J2311 - J2415 - J2915 - J2919 - J2921. 90th Division. Advanced up to three miles on a seven-mile front and reached NEUSTADT J2625 and ILMENAU J2436. Front line change: NEUSTADT J2625 - J2628 - J2431 - J2532 - J2434 - ILMENAU J2436.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Gained up to four miles to the east on a five-mile front. Front line change: J1839 - J1640 - J1442 - J1343. 89th Division. Advanced up to nine miles east on a ten-mile front. ARNSTADT J2653 was captured during the advance. Front line change: J2744 - J2348 - J2951 - J3150 - J3656 - J3558. 65th Division. Mopped up in the vicinity of H9050.

XX Corps. 4th Armored Division. Commenced to pass through the 80th Division. 80th Division. Attacked east in the direction of ERFURT J3169 and gained up to nine miles on a nine-mile front. Front line change: J3461 - J3363 - J2965 - J2671 - J2973. 76th Division. Advanced ten miles east on a nine-mile front. Front line change: J2976 - J2980 and J3485 - J3289 - J2789. 6th Armored Division. Commenced to pass through the 76th Division. Combat Command "A" advanced three miles and reached J3382. Front line change: J3382. 3d Cavalry Group. Patrolled the corps flanks.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 11th Infantry. No change.

V Corps. 69th Division. Continued to mop up behind the 9th Armored Division. 2d Division. Mopped up behind the advance of the 9th Armored Division. 9th Armored Division. Gained twenty-five miles on a sixteen-mile front against light resistance. Combat Command "R" reached the vicinity of J3497 and Combat Command "A" the vicinity of B2603. Combat Command "B" reached SONDERSHAUSEN D1812 and captured AULEBEN D2219. Front line change: J3497 - D2603 - SONDERSHAUSEN D1812 - AULEBEN D2219. 102d Cavalry Group. Protected the corps north flank.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf attached). Gained up to twenty-two miles east against moderate resistance on a thirteen-mile front. Captured NORDHAUSEN D1227. Front line change: NORDHAUSEN D1227 - C9932 - C9742 - C8440. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf). Mopped up behind the 3d Armored Division. The 4th Cavalry Group was relieved from attachment. 1st Division. Occupied the line of the LEINE River south of C5057. Crossed the river and gained up to five miles east on a four-mile front. Front line change: C5747 - C6052. 4th Cavalry Group. Operated on the corps north flank and contacted the 83d Division (Ninth Army) in the vicinity of C5364. Front line change: C7160.

III Corps. 5th Division. (Less the 11th Inf). Advanced three miles west on a six-mile front against moderate opposition. Front line change: B2605 - HELLE-FELD B2404 - GREVENSTEIN B2700 - G3198. 9th Division. Pinched out by the advance of the 7th Armored and 5th Divisions. Attached to the VII Corps and commenced to assemble and to move to its new corps sector. 7th Armored Division. Advanced three miles west on a six-mile front against moderate resistance. Contacted the 5th Division in the vicinity of WENHOLTHAUSEN G3199. Front line change: G3096 - G2996 - G2895 - G2691 - G2690. 99th Division. Gained four miles west on a five-mile front against moderate resistance. The town of ODINGEN G2786 was captured without difficulty. Front line change: G2388 - G2284 - G2280.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 86th Division. (Less the 341st Inf). Gained three miles in a westerly direction on a five-mile front. Opposition was light. Front line change: G2079 - G1480 - G1279. 8th Division. Encountered only light opposition and was able to advance up to seven miles west on a six-mile front. Front line change: G0679 - G0180 - G0178 - F9777 - G0174. 78th Division. Advanced five and one-half miles north on an eleven-mile front against light opposition. Front line change: G0166 - F9567 - F9266 - F8964 - F8860 - F8559. 97th Division. (With the 341st Inf atchd). Attacked north and gained up to two and one-half miles in zone. Front line change: F8355 - F7955 - F7352 - F7052. 13th Armored Division. Closed in the corps area, attacked north through the left of the 97th Division and advanced four miles north on a five-mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: F6251 - F5648.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 29th Division. No change.

XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. (Less the 194th Gli Inf). Captured the northern halves of ESSEN A4917 and OBERHAUSEN A3919 after having gained four miles on a five-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: A3820 - A4119 - A3916. 79th Division. Captured the southern half of ESSEN A4917 and advanced five miles south on a four-mile front. Fighting continued in BOCHUM A6320. The division encountered only light resistance. Front line change: A4215 - A4812 and A5815 - A6017 - A6018 - A6219 - A6320. 35th Division. (Less the 320th Inf). Gained five miles south on a four-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: A6215 - A6414 - A6617 - A6715. 75th Division. (With the 320th Inf atchd). Advanced south up to four miles just west of DORTMUND A8024. Other units of the division north of the city gained one mile to the east. Opposition was initially heavy but decreased to light toward the close of the period. Front line change: A7016 - A7015 - A7216 - A7318 - A7419 and A8028 - A8231. 95th Division. Gained five miles south on an eight-mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: A8533 - A8632 - A8833 - A9130 - A9329 - A9628 - A9727. 8th Armored Division. (With the 194th Gli Inf atchd). On the right, gained two and one-half miles south on a five-mile front; on the left, gained five miles south and reached the line of the RUHR River B1517 - B2213. Front line change: A9726 - A9823 - B2219 and RUHR River B1517 - B2213.

XIX Corps. 83d Division. Advanced up to nineteen miles east on a ten-mile front and captured STERWIECK D0478. Fighting continued in GOSLAR C8571. Resistance was light on the division front. Front line change: C7064 - C7566 - C7771 - GOSLAR C8571 - C9171 - C9370 - D0671 - D0877 - STERWIECK D0478. 2d Armored Division. (With the 119th Inf atchd). Gained fourteen miles east on a fifteen-mile front but met heavy opposition in the vicinity of C8298. Front line change: C9785 - C9993 - C9097 - C8398 - X7702. 30th Division. (Less the 119th Inf). Gained two miles east on a five-mile front and reached the area X8404 - X8112 on a branch of the WESER-ELBE Canal. Front line change: X8303 - branch of WESER-ELBE Canal X8404 - X8112. 113th Cavalry Group. Continued to operate on the left flank of the corps. XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Attacked east and gained twenty-four miles against sporadic, scattered resistance. Front line change: Y0830 - GIFHORN X9035 - X8034 - X7726. 84th Division. Attacked northeast from the vicinity of HANNOVER X3621 and gained eleven miles on a six-mile front against light to moderate resistance. Mopping up continued in BURGDORF X5430. Front line change: BURGDORF X5430 - X4435. 102d Division. Continued mopping up rear areas but met heavy resistance from organized positions in the vicinity of W9603 - W9803. 11th Cavalry Group. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of X4435.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (Non-Div). Assigned to the Third Army. 106th, 66th, 16th Armored Divisions. All no change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. 28th Division. (Less the 109th Infantry). Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of JULICH FO358. 20th Armorod Division. Attached to the First Army and commenced to assemble in the vicinity of M2498.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 102400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	69,607	284,476	36,379	9,617	400,079
Non-battle					298,506
					<u>698,585</u>
					Total casualties

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group: XV Corps NEUSTADT N7694; 42d Division KURNACH N6541.

21 Army Group: VIII British Corps X0225; XII British Corps W7444; XXX Corps V8632; 15th Division X0827; 43rd Division V8251; 51st Division V9336; 52d Division W0725; 53d Division X0065; 2d Canadian Division V1223; 11th Armored Division EVENSEN X2143; Guards Armored Division "O146; Polish Armored Division V2430; 4th Canadian Armored Division V7673.

12th Army Group: III Corps FREDEBURG G4088; V Corps HEILIGENSTADT C6711; XIX Corps ALFELD C4378; XX Corps TREFFURT H7585; 8th Division G0770; 30th Division X7010; 71st Division J0415; 76th Division J1580; 79th Division A5221; 83rd Division C7874; 84th Division HANNOVER X3521; 87th Division J0348; 102d Division W8907; 104th Division C7527; 2d Armored Division C6187; 3d Armored Division C9126; 5th Armored Division X7120; 11th Armored Division O1697; 13th Armored Division F6427; 17th Airborne Division A4325;

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